

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following changes in the specification at the indicated locations:

Page 1, line 1, please delete "DESCRIPTION".

Page 1, line 5 (between title and first paragraph), please insert the following paragraphs:

CROSS-REFERENCE

This is the US National Stage of PCT/EP 2004/012079, filed in Europe on October 26, 2004, which, in turn, is based on DE 10 2004 005767.2, which was filed in Germany on February 5, 2004 and provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a) to (d).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, line 4, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS